

Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 04-04-13

Issued at: Glennallen, Alaska
July 30, 2013

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m.
August 11, 2013

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m.
June 30, 2014 unless
superseded by subsequent
emergency order

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order changes the bag limit for all state Nelchina caribou hunts in Game Management Unit 13 from either sex to bull-only on August 11. Caribou hunters with Copper Basin Community Subsistence Harvest permits (CC001) and Tier I Subsistence permits (RC566) will be allowed to harvest either-sex caribou for one day, August 10, before the bag limit changes to bull-only for the remainder of the season. The drawing permit hunts (DC480-DC483) will open August 20 with a bull-only bag limit. This emergency order does not affect any other caribou hunting regulation in Unit 13.

REGULATION:

Therefore, the provisions of **5AAC 85.025 (a) (8), Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Caribou**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective:

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
(8)		
Unit 13		
1 caribou per harvest report per regulatory year by community harvest permit only; up to 300 caribou may be taken; or	Aug. 10 (Subsistence Hunt only)	No open season

1 **bull** per harvest report per regulatory year by community harvest permit only; up to 300 caribou may be taken; or

Aug. 11–Sept. 20
(Subsistence Hunt only)
Oct. 21–March 31
(Subsistence Hunt only)

No open season

1 caribou every regulatory year by Tier I subsistence permit only; or

Aug. 10
(Subsistence Hunt only)

No open season

1 **bull** every regulatory year by Tier I subsistence permit only; or

Aug. 11–Sept. 20
(Subsistence Hunt only)
Oct. 21–March 31
(Subsistence Hunt only)

No open season

1 **bull** every regulatory year by drawing permit; up to 5,000 permits may be issued

Aug. 20–Sept. 20
Oct. 21–March 31

No open season

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All other caribou hunting regulations remain unchanged and are not affected by this emergency order.

Cora Campbell
Commissioner

By delegation to:



Rebecca Schwanke
Area Wildlife Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

To maintain the population objective of 35,000-40,000 Nelchina caribou, harvest quotas are modified annually. The harvest objective for the Nelchina caribou herd for the 2013-2014 season is 2,500 caribou (2,200 bulls and 300 cows). It is anticipated that the cow harvest on August 10 under state subsistence permit hunts in combination with cows taken under federal subsistence permits will be sufficient to achieve this year's cow quota.

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